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In Re Application of :
Robert McKinnon, Jr. :
Serial No. 09/579,630 :
Filed: May 26, 2000 :
Title: Meter Box Lid :
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Hon. Commissioner:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2003, please amend claims 1, 5, 8, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 25, 26, and 31 as shown by Exhibit 1. Exhibit 2 is a clean copy of these claims with the amendments incorporated therein. Claims 51-65 have been added as shown by Exhibit 3. Claims 51-57 and 64 are dependent claims and claims 58-63, and 65 are independent claims.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, all of the claims were rejected based primarily on Waters (U.S. Patent No. 4,967,944). This patent is directed to a tool box having a lid with flanges 44 on three sides and formed from a plastic material as a double wall with certain portions having spaced between the double walls. Two of the flanges are required for hinge purposes. Parent claims 1, 5, 18, 23, 25, 26, and 31 all require the lower surface to be

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